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BIPARTISAN BACKING OF KISSINGER ROLE", SEPT 17, 1976

BY DOUG SHUIT

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SENATOR TUNNEY CALLED THURSDAY FOR BIPARTISAN SUPPORT OF  
SECSTATE KISSINGER'S "SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY" IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

TUNNEY, SPEAKING TO LOS ANGELES WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL, SAID  
KISSINGER'S EFFORTS TO BRING PEACE TO RACIALLY TROUBLED  
SOUTH AFRICA, RHODESIA AND OTHER NATIONS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA  
ARE "PRECISELY WHAT I AND OTHERS HAVE BEEN URGING FOR YEARS  
--ESPECIALLY DURING ANGOLAN DEBATE."

TUNNEY SAID HE SUPPORTED MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA AND  
NAMIBIA (SOUTHWEST AFRICA).

"CHANCES OF SUCCESS RESULTING FROM KISSINGER'S TRIP MAY BE  
LESS THAN 50-50, BUT, GIVEN ENORMOUS STAKES INVOLVED, HE IS  
OBVIOUSLY RIGHT TO TRY. IT WOULD BE TRAGIC IF HE ACHIEVED  
SOME BREAKTHROUGH ON TRIP AND THEN IT FAILED FOR WANT OF  
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SUPPORT AT HOME," HE TOLD LUNCHEON AUDIENCE OF ABOUT 300

AT BEVERLY HILTON.

TUNNEY, RUNNING FOR REELECTION AGAINST REPUBLICAN HAYAKAWA SAID, "I AM CONVINCED THAT IF WE TAKE INTO ACCOUNT BASIC AFRICAN REALITIES IN AREA, WE CAN ASSIST IN AVERTING A BLOODY RACIAL WAR AND PREVENT ANOTHER UNNECESSARY AND DANGEROUS MILITARY SHOWDOWN WITH SOVIET UNION IN A PLACE WHERE WE SHOULD NOT BE HAVING THAT SHOWDOWN."

HE WENT ON TO SAY, "IT MAY TURN OUT THAT WE ARE TOO LATE TO AVOID FEARED BLOODSHED, BUT IT DOES NOT SEEM TOO LATE TO AVOID WHAT WAS SHAPING UP AS ANOTHER COLLISION BETWEEN SOVIET UNION AND UNITED STATES."

TUNNEY TEMPERED HIS PRAISE OF KISSINGER WITH A CRITICAL RECITATION OF SECSTATE'S PAST AFRICAN POLICIES, SAYING THERE IS SUSPICION IN AFRICA OF U.S. MOTIVES AND THAT "SUSPICIONS ARE NOT WITHOUT FOUNDATION."

HE SAID KISSINGER IN 1970 HAD SUGGESTED "LOOSENING OUR MILITARY AND ECONOMIC RESTRICTIONS" AGAINST WHITE REGIMES IN AFRICA AND HAD PROMISED ARMS TO PORTUGAL IN ANGOLA CIVIL WAR. HE ALSO SAID KISSINGER HAD "TRIED TO CONVINCE AFRICA UNTIL LATE DECEMBER 1975, THAT THEY SHOULD BE MORE CONCERN ABOUT THREAT OF COMMUNIST EXPANSION IN AFRICA THAN RACIAL DOMINATION."

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